Civil Surgeon's appointment.

447. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state who was appointed in the vacancy of Civil Surgeon caused by the promotion of Dr. Raghavendra Rao as the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer;

(b) what was the principle on which the Government acted in fulfilling the vacancy, seniority in service, qualification or personal merit and character?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Dr. C. L. Joseph.

(b) Qualification.

Registrar of Panchayats.

448. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) 1. the date on which Mr. Raphael was appointed Registrar of Panchayats;

2. what was his pay at the time of appointment;

3. what is his present pay;

4. the names of officers in the service who were drawing more pay and who had more service than Mr. Raphael at the time of his appointment as Registrar and whose claims were overlooked;

5. were there officers in the Department of Agriculture and Panchayats drawing more pay than Mr. Raphael and whose claims were overlooked;

6. if so, their names, qualifications, service and pay,

7. the names of Tahsildars, Managers of Departments of and Devaswam Inspectors who had more service and more pay than Mr. Raphael at the time of his new appointment with their pay and service;

(b) have the Government come to know that in Travancore only officers of the grade of Diwan Peishkar are appointed as Heads of Panchayat Department and that in Madras only officers of the rank of Civilians are appointed Registrars of Panchayats?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) (1) On 25—2—1931.

(2) Rs. 115 in the grade of Rs. 100—150.

(3) Rs. 150 in the grade of Rs. 150—250.

(4) The Member is referred to the latest Civil List a copy of which is placed on the Council Table. The claims of these officers were duly considered when the appointment was made.

(5) and (6) Please vide answer to part 4 above.

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(7) Tahsildars.	Service on 25-2-31.			Pay on 25-2-31 Rs.
Mr. A. Parameswara Ayyar	29	9	12	240
,, C. Ramankutti Menon	30	11	26	240
,, M. Kunjan Menon	29	11	15	240
,, A. R. Mahadeva Ayyar	23	2	12	160
,, C. P. Achyuta Menon	18	1	11	180
Dy. Tahsildar G. Krishna Ayyar	18	0	12	140
Devaswam Inspectors—Mr. A. Achyuta Menon	19	10	14	130
Mr. V. G. Govindan Achan	19	4	12	135
,, P. S. Venkiteswara Ayyar	17	6	23	120
Managers of departments.				
Mr. V. Gopala Menon	22	2	7	140
,, K. C. Peter, Manager, Director's Office	17	6	8	130

(b) Government have not enquired.

Pending files.

449. Mr. Thomas Manjuran—(a) Will the Government kindly state the number of files pending in the Huzur more than three months old, more than 6 months old, more than one year old and more than 2 years old, at the time of the retirement of the last Diwan of the State;

(b) where there files pending at that time left over from the time of the Diwanship of Rao Bahadur P. Narayana Menon;

(c) will the Government kindly state the reason for the delay in the various cases;

(d) has the Government taken any action so far, to obviate this sort of delay in future ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) 176, 139, 119 and 92 respectively.

(b) Yes.

(c) The questions dealt with were of such a nature that they could not be disposed of earlier.

(d) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (c) above.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Am I to understand from the answer to (d) that, in connection with the pendency of those files for a period of 8 years, there was nothing unsatisfactory, or that the present Government considers that the pendency was accounted for by the circumstances which are not under control of the administration?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—May I know the number of those files?

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